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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A cleat for an article of footwear consisting entirely of plastic, the cleat comprising:

an insert and a plastic traction member, the insert and traction member constituting separate and distinct elements formed at distinct times in the manufacture process;

the insert is from a synthetic plastic material, wherein the insert has a stem portion with engagement means for releasable engagement with a complementary formation defined on an undersole of the article of footwear; and

the plastic traction member is secured to the insert during a molding process, and encases the insert with the exception of the engagement means, thereby holding the traction member captive on the insert; wherein the insert is made entirely from a synthetic plastic material having a greater hardness than the traction member; and

wherein the insert includes a stem portion having a first end and a second end;

an engagement means at the first end of the stem portion for releasable engagement with a complementary engagement formation defined on an undersole of the article of footwear; and

a securing formation extending from the second end of the stem portion for securing the traction member to the insert; and

a raised spike opposite the first end of the stem portion, the raised spike being aligned with a traction member spike to cooperate therewith and function as a visual wear indicator for the cleat.

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2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The cleat according to claim 1, wherein the insert is formed of a synthetic plastic material having a hardness between 75 MPa and 85 MPa.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) The cleat according to claim 1[[4]], wherein the insert and traction member are made from different color materials.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) A cleat according to claim 1, wherein the traction member includes a pair of passages arranged immediately adjacent to the insert, for receiving corresponding portions of a tool for fastening the cleat to the article of footwear.

14-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) The cleat according to claim 1[[2]], wherein the securing formation is a flange extending radially from the stem portion.

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17. (Previously presented) The cleat according to claim 16, wherein the flange includes a plurality of apertures extending therethrough.

18-20. (Canceled)